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I. GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

PROJECTS UNDER WAY

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FORCED LABOR PROJECT

Project Director
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I. Objectives

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The formal specification of topics designated for this study (as outline in [REDACTED] Progress Report, April 15, 1953) has remained unchanged. It remains our aim to supplement the information presented in previously available studies, and to bring our intelligence as nearly up to date as possible, within acceptable time limits. It is our intention to order our data (1) geographically, i.e., with reference to specific localities and areas, and (2) topically, i.e., in a generalized form applicable to the forced labor system in the USSR as a whole. The ultimate objective of the project is to relate factual information on the forced labor system in the USSR, including its organizational and human aspects, to the specific purposes for which this study was formulated.

II. Summary of Progress

Work on this project began in November 1952. It was originally estimated that it would be completed in approximately nine months. As collection, review, and collation of the materials have progressed, however, it has become apparent that more time will be required. Until quite recently, the very term "forced or slave labor" had not been widely recognized as a distinct major heading for the coding of open sources and classified intelligence reports on the Soviet Union. Thus the search of hitherto unexploited data for information directly related to our specific subject, particularly on the postwar period, has involved the study of a very large number of reports and required a cumulative

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total of approximately fourteen man-weeks by the cleared team members for sampling of materials available in Washington (Industrial Register, captured German documents, and others). Benefiting from the generous cooperation afforded by the agencies in charge of these records, our staff members have been able to assemble a considerable number of documents and reports of great value to the project. It must be pointed out, however, that many of these documents are still to be analyzed and that some are even now in process of duplication and transmission. Consequently, on June 16, 1953, we requested an extension to permit the continuation of the project for the balance of the calendar year.

III. Present Status

With a few minor exceptions, the search for additional source material has been terminated, although, as indicated above, certain documents and publications requested have not yet been received. Tabulation of data by locality and topic is still in progress, following procedures which ensure accuracy as well as accessibility of information.

The material from the Industrial Register files covers primarily the postwar period. Although in most cases these files dealt with other than forced labor subjects, a number of reports were found to be devoted solely to this topic. They cover the period 1948-1950 and hence are indispensable. Abstracts have been made from approximately 1,000 documents selected from the Industrial Register files, and some 150 documents were requested for duplication. In addition to these, approximately 500 extensive excerpts have been made from other documents. Individual and comparative analysis of this material is proceeding satisfactorily.

Previous experience with captured German documents supported the belief that pertinent data on Soviet forced labor camps could be obtained from a study of these sources.

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Utilizing the facilities of the Departmental Records Branch, Office of the Adjutant General, we have uncovered several relevant German documents.

Of a number of miscellaneous folders examined, two have proved to be especially valuable.

(a) The first folder contains a detailed study of the structure of the NKVD as of 1941. A part of this study is devoted to the NKVD administration of forced labor camps. The folder also contains German translations of original and secret Russian decrees and orders issued by top echelons of the Chief Administration of the NKVD. These papers throw light on the internal workings of the NKVD with reference to activities such as the setting up of special combat teams to protect forced labor camps from surprise ground or air-borne attack, inefficiency of personnel in sensitive assignments, and other such matters. Taken altogether, these documents are highly provocative, reflecting both the strengths and weaknesses of the People's Commissariat for Internal Affairs (NKVD).

(b) The second folder contains two documents of great value. One, dated December 1944, is a study of the forced labor camps of the Soviet Union, listing sixty-nine camps by name and giving brief descriptions of each. A second, slightly earlier, study presents a careful analysis of anti-Bolshevik resistance movements throughout the USSR, locating one hundred and ten areas in which resistance groups had been operating.

(The translations will be available for distribution as may be directed.)

As regards open sources, the work of extracting specific information required for our purposes is largely completed. A considerable quantity of published and unpublished material in this category is available only in Russian (emigre accounts,

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interview reports, etc.). Many items have been translated in part or in whole, but some of the selected papers are still in process of translation.

IV. Timetable

In our previous progress report we anticipated the completion of drafts of the final report by the end of July. We have since requested additional time, not only to permit the analysis and collation of additional data, but-- what is more important--to allow the scheduling of additional substantive conferences. We have been informed that the question of a time extension will shortly be the subject of discussion [REDACTED] with a representative of the Agency.

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V. Personnel

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As of this date, most of the subcontract work has been completed. Only one individual not on [REDACTED] staff is currently employed in behalf of this project. The staff presently includes:

- (a) on duty, cleared
 - 1 project director
 - 3 research associates
 - 1 research technician
 - 1 secretary
- (b) on duty, uncleared
 - 1 research assistant (contract)

VI. Budget

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As of June 30, 1953, the unexpended balance amounted to approximately [REDACTED] or about seventeen per cent of the originally appropriated amount of [REDACTED] Additional funds, totalling [REDACTED] net, have been requested to permit the continuation of the project beyond June 30, 1953.

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TAKE-OVER PROJECT

Project Directors

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I. Objectives

The Take-over Project is examining Russian methods of infiltration, take-over, and sovietization in the satellite countries. The project report will set out the principles of operation and the patterns of conduct followed by the Communists. It is anticipated that the report will be utilized by the planning sections of the covert offices of the Agency.

II. Status

The project is proceeding on schedule and in a satisfactory manner. It is anticipated that the final report will be ready on 30 September as planned.

The collection of topical papers will be completed on 30 June with the exception of three papers on Rumania due on 15 August. Appropriate classified material has been requested from the Agency, and the bulk of this has arrived. That on hand has been catalogued, and organized for integration with the unclassified papers.

The cleared personnel who are to assemble and edit the material and to prepare the final report are now on duty and are beginning their work.

The uncleared research papers will provide ample raw material for a report meeting project requirements. In a few cases, however, these papers are not up to the standard originally hoped due to the illness and subsequent poor performance of one uncleared research associate.

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25X1A5a1 It is presently planned to assemble and publish the report [REDACTED] in accordance with the wishes expressed by the interested Agency officers.

III. Personnel

a) There are presently on duty:

5 cleared staff members (including project directors); 2 cleared secretaries; 2 uncleared research associates (to be terminated 15 August); 1 uncleared research associate (to be terminated 20 July); 3 uncleared secretaries (one to be terminated 20 July, two 15 August).

b) The following additional personnel were terminated on June 30:

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3 [REDACTED] contract research associates; 1 Agency contract research associate on loan [REDACTED]
2 uncleared research associates.

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IV. Budget

The project is operating within the approved budget for the period July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953.

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THE VULNERABILITY OF COMMUNIST CHINA
TO POLITICAL WARFARE

Project Director

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I. Objectives

To examine the vulnerability of Communist China to political warfare.

II. Status

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The project, on which preliminary work has been proceeding for some months, is now fully under way. [REDACTED] will be project director.

25X1A5a1 In accordance with the understanding under which the project was launched, extreme care is being taken both to appraise existing materials and to avoid any duplication of research. With the exception of [REDACTED] work on leadership, all pieces of research are short-term in nature; and definitive research assignments will be made only after the summer review of the material by [REDACTED] is completed. By September it is planned that an outline of the project as a whole will be drawn up.

Research under way includes the following:

25X1A5a1 [REDACTED] a comparison of Soviet and Chinese Communist ideology, as an index of the changing Sino-Soviet relationship.

leadership.

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CHINA PROJECT

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the structure of the Chinese Communist party, including such changes as may be made this summer at the Party Congress.

a Chinese village, pre- and post- Communism.

current Chinese discussions of economic planning.

A method is being worked out to make a systematic appraisal of cohesive forces and tensions in Chinese Communist society, using interview and other materials.

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It is planned that, as a part of the project, [REDACTED] will write an essay comparing in detail the present positions of Soviet and Communist Chinese societies.

Liaison has been established with the relevant sections of the government, with outside research organizations working on China, and with key experts.

III. Personnel

A complete list of the members of the Project is appended.

IV. Budget

The project is being set up within the agreed upon limitations of the budget proposed [REDACTED] and accepted by the Agency.

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NEW PROJECTS UNDER DISCUSSION WITH THE AGENCY

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SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN THE USSR*

I. Nature and Objectives

We will explore, in a pilot project directed at the intensive examination of two or three technical fields, including electrical engineering, the possibilities of evaluating the quality and character of the education of scientists and engineers in the USSR, with a view to improving our estimates of the capabilities of the Soviet scientific and engineering professions both now and in the future. Much information has been assembled and what are believed to be reasonably accurate estimates made of the numbers of persons receiving various kinds of technical and scientific education in Russia, but very little is known either of the general quality of the training being offered or of the particular aspects in which it is strong and those in which it falls short of, say, American standards. The hypothesis has been advanced for instance that the USSR is achieving the very considerable numbers of engineering graduates reported in recent years by sacrificing the breadth of their training. This may result in quite highly developed skills in individual fields which would, however, be too narrowly focused to permit imaginative invention and rapid adaptation to major changes in technique. No systematic effort to test this hypothesis has been made.

Another allegation sometimes put forward is that a heavy emphasis is placed on types of scientific and engineering training believed to be especially relevant to military problems at the expense of quality in the education of scientists and engineers in fields less clearly related to national defense. Again, no systematic test of this hypothesis has been undertaken.

The importance of the conclusions of such an investigation for estimates of the present and future scientific capabilities of the USSR is obvious. OSI has requested that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] has received tentative approval from the Agency to proceed with the launching of this project.

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undertake a study in this general area, and great interest has been expressed in other parts of the intelligence community.

The material exists on which to base this kind of investigation. Sources include:

- a. Curricula and course programs officially announced;
- b. Textbooks and manuals of which substantial numbers are available in this country;
- c. Interviews and interrogations of persons with recent experience in Soviet technical institutions.

It is believed that careful examination of these materials by persons technically qualified to evaluate them will produce judgments on the quality of Soviet technical and scientific education of a fairly high order of reliability.

The bulk of the material to be examined is open literature requiring no security clearances. In all probability two of the professional researchers engaged would be uncleared personnel working entirely in the open literature and one would have the clearances necessary to check classified sources.

II. Personnel

At present we have one full time research associate working on the project. The number of people to be involved and the exact scale of the project is still to be determined.

III. Budget

25X1A5a1 [REDACTED] will submit a budget estimate within a few days.

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PROJECT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE EASTERN
EUROPEAN SATELLITES UNDER SOVIET CONTROL*

I. Nature and Objectives

A great deal of material is available from unclassified sources on recent economic developments in the Eastern European satellite countries. This material, analyzed and interpreted by a mature scholar with an extensive background of knowledge of these economies can yield a quantitative picture of the way in which these economies are developing which will provide a useful check against the sorts of classified information being analyzed within the Government. The Center has the opportunity of retaining for this purpose [REDACTED] who is generally accepted to be one of the most knowledgeable people about the economies of these areas in the United States. [REDACTED] has been engaged during the current fiscal year in the preparation of a volume on this general subject in connection with the [REDACTED] project on Take-over. He has devoted his energies this year to aspects of this volume of particular relevance to the problems of the Take-over Project. In another year's work he would complete the study on which he has been engaged, rounding out the volume with the analysis of problems of great significance for the estimation of economic developments in this area but of less importance to the Take-over Project.

This study would be conducted on a wholly unclassified basis and [REDACTED] apart from one conversation with an ORR member has had no contact with Agency analysts.

* This project is presently under consideration by interested officers of the Agency.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT -- EUROPEAN SATELLITES

II. Personnel

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The project would involve [REDACTED] and a secretary on two-thirds time.

III. Budget

An estimate of the amount necessary to carry out the project has been submitted [REDACTED] to the Agency.

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III. GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

NEW PROJECTS UNDER PRELIMINARY PLANNING

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PROJECT ON FUTURE UNITED STATES PROBLEMS

IN THE EUROPEAN SATELLITE STATES

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[REDACTED] is now at work on the formulation of a major project to be presented shortly for Agency consideration. This will deal with the problems with which the United States is likely to be confronted in the event that Soviet control over one or more of the Eastern European satellites is removed or significantly weakened at some point in the future. It is proposed that the project examine problems arising under a number of alternative situations such as, for example, liberation resulting from general war, from Titoist separation, from a weakened USSR, from a split up of the Soviet system, or from a substantial modification of Soviet policy without either war or internal revolt.

Some of the problems to be examined would be:

1. The consequences for the government of a satellite of the coming to power of a successful resistance movement.
2. An examination of the nature of a Titoist state and the kinds of influence that a Western power like the United States can have upon it.
3. The influence and character of refugee groups, governments in exile, and the like.
4. The problems requiring attention within these areas at the time of liberation or reorientation to the West such as (a) border problems, (b) integration into the European political structure, (c) reorientation of economic life, (d) requirements for economic assistance, and the like.
5. An examination of alternative courses of action open to the United States and the United Nations in dealing with these issues.

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A more systematic and extensive statement of the set of problems to be dealt with and the reasons for believing that a research organization such as [REDACTED] could make a contribution to the solution of the problems will be forthcoming shortly. It is anticipated that the satisfactory performance of this project would require an expenditure during fiscal '54 in the neighborhood of [REDACTED]

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OTHER PROJECTS

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Discussions are under way between officers of the Agency and [REDACTED] concerning a number of other possible projects that it might be useful [REDACTED] to undertake. Since such discussions are preliminary in nature they will not be discussed in this report. 25X1A5a1

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